

9 FAM Appendix C, MARSHALL ISLANDS

(TL:VISA-451; 08-08-2002)

RECIPROCITY

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Visa	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	TWO	3 MONTHS
C-1/D	N/A	N/A	N/A
C-2	NONE	TWO	3 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	TWO	3 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	ONE	12 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	TWO	6 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	TWO	6 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	TWO	12 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	TWO	12 MONTHS [3]

O-3	NONE	TWO	12 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	TWO	12 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	TWO	12 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	TWO	12 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	TWO	12 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	ONE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

(TL:VISA-263; 04-18-2001)

None.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police Record

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Available. A police certificate listing any police record or no police record is available by writing to: Chief of Police, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, 96960.

Prison Record

(TL:VISA 134; 02-16-1996)

Available. A prison record is available by writing to: Chief of Police, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands, 96960.

Military Record

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998))

Unavailable. (The Marshall Islands have no military.)

Birth Certificate

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Available. Provide name of applicant plus mother's maiden name. Send one dollar (U.S.) plus self-addressed and stamped envelope to: Registrar's Office, P.O. Box 546, Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960.

Death Certificate, Marriage Certificate, and Divorce Decrees

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Available. Send one dollar (U.S.) plus self-addressed and stamped envelope to: Registrar's Office, P.O. Box 546, Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960.

Passports: Information on Travel Documents

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The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) is a freely associated state (FAS) under the compact of free association with the United States that took effect on October 21, 1986. The RMI was previously a part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI), a UN trusteeship administered by the United States. RMI citizens are not U.S. citizens or nationals. Citizens of the FAS (but not alien spouses or children), however, have unrestricted access to the United States to live, work, study and assume "habitual residence", with no visa requirement. In order to qualify for such unrestricted access to the United States, a naturalized citizen must have been an actual resident of the Marshall Islands for not less than five years after attaining such naturalization, and must hold a certificate of actual residence. However, passports are generally issued prior to the naturalization and the required five years residency. Therefore, bearers, who are not yet naturalized, need to apply and qualify for U.S. visas. Holders of investment passports (individuals who have acquired RMI citizenship through investment or purchase) issued by the Republic of the Marshall Islands must obtain a visa to travel to the United States.

"Habitual residence" does not confer the right to become an U.S. citizen. An RMI citizen can become a legal permanent resident, and, thereby, qualify for U.S. citizenship, only through meeting current Immigration and Nationality Act requirements. Immigrant visas for RMI citizens and residents are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Manila.

For third country nationals, it should be noted that there are only three international gateways to Majuro-Guam, Honolulu and Fiji. Therefore, a two entry C-1 visa would be required for third country nationals traveling to and from the Marshall Islands by two of those routes.

Under the terms of the compact of free association, U.S. citizens are required to present proof of citizenship (preferably a passport), sufficient funds for stay and onward/return ticket for a stay of up to 30 days. Health certificates are required if arriving from infected areas. AIDS tests may be required for a visit of over six months. U.S. citizens do not require visas for business, tourist or transit stays in the Marshall Islands regardless of the duration. Requests for additional information should be made to the Embassy of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, 2433 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20008, telephone 202-234-5414; the Consulate General in Honolulu, 1357 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1240, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814, telephone 808-942-4422.

The RMI government issues its own passport. U.S. consular posts are authorized to issue a "travel letter of identity" on post letterhead for RMI passport applicants abroad who are awaiting receipt of a new passport. All posts are requested to notify the Department of any action taken concerning amendment, extension or replacement of an RMI passport, utilizing the CPAS TAGS and the term "Passport Services to FAS Citizens."

VISA ISSUING POST

(TL:VISA-180; 10-15-1998)

Majuro (E) NIV only.

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GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

All of the Marshall Islands.